

# Primary care Identification and Referral to Improve Safety of women experiencing domestic violence: a randomised controlled trial

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**EudraCT/CTIS number**

**IRAS number**

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**Secondary identifying numbers**

# Study information

## Scientific Title

Primary care Identification and Referral to Improve Safety of women experiencing domestic violence: a randomised controlled trial

## Acronym

IRIS

## Study objectives

Will a training and support programme for general practices increase the identification and referral to domestic violence agencies of women survivors of domestic violence?

## Ethics approval required

Old ethics approval format

## Ethics approval(s)

Ethics approval received from the NHS National Research Ethics Service - South East Research Ethics Committee on the 27th July 2007 (ref: 07/MRE01/65).

## Study design

Cluster randomised controlled trial; unit of randomisation is practices.

## Primary study design

Interventional

## Secondary study design

Randomised controlled trial

## Study setting(s)

Not specified

## Study type(s)

Screening

## Participant information sheet

## Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied

Domestic violence referrals in General Practices

## Interventions

Practices in Hackney and Bristol will be randomly allocated to the intervention and control group.

### Intervention:

The intervention is designed to address the barriers to making a general practice domestic violence "competent" and improves the quality of care for survivors of abuse. This will entail two 2-hour multi-disciplinary training sessions with clinicians using case studies and role-play in relation to asking about violence and responding appropriately.

This will be followed by periodic reinforcement sessions feeding back practice data on disclosure and referral and encouraging discussion about improving the quality of care. The clinicians include General Practitioners (GPs) and directly employed practice staff (practice nurses and counsellors) and those employed by trusts (midwives, health visitors, district nurses). We will also engage administrative staff in a session that will highlight their role in data handling and confidentiality.

Feedback of anonymous disclosure and referral data can be done at practice meetings at which the program would be a regular agenda item. In each intervention practice we will identify a "champion" for the project. They can be from any of the clinical disciplines and will have the agreement of the practice to attend additional training about domestic violence and integrating this into the work of the practice. The advocate-educator will, in conjunction with the practice champion, meet with smaller groups of clinicians to address problems that have arisen around identification, support and referral.

**Control:**

The control group is made up of 12 general practices in Bristol and 12 in London.

The educational and support intervention will be continuous over the year of follow-up from first educational session. Intervention and control practices will be followed up for one year.

### **Intervention Type**

Other

### **Phase**

Not Specified

### **Primary outcome measure**

Recording in the medical record identification of women who have experienced or are experiencing domestic violence, measured at 3 months, 6 months, 9 months and one year.

### **Secondary outcome measures**

1. Referral of women who have experienced or are experiencing domestic violence to specialist domestic violence agencies and/or practice based counselling
2. Knowledge, beliefs, and practices of health care professionals with regards to domestic violence (Physician REadiness to Manage Intimate partner violence Survey [PREMIS] questionnaire to participating clinicians)
3. Expectations and experiences of clinicians targeted by the intervention (interviews with purposive sample of clinicians in intervention practices)

All secondary outcomes will be measured at 3 months, 6 months, 9 months and one year.

### **Overall study start date**

01/07/2007

### **Completion date**

30/06/2010

## **Eligibility**

### **Key inclusion criteria**

General practices within City and Hackney or Bristol Primary Care Trust (PCT) if they record consultations electronically and their systems allow the use of screen prompts.

**Participant type(s)**

Patient

**Age group**

Not Specified

**Sex**

Not Specified

**Target number of participants**

48 practices (24 in Hackney and 24 in Bristol)

**Key exclusion criteria**

Practices will be excluded if:

1. They do not use electronic medical records
2. Their systems do not allow the use of screen prompts
3. They have already had significant training in identification of women experiencing domestic violence and established a referral pathway to an advocacy service

**Date of first enrolment**

01/07/2007

**Date of final enrolment**

30/06/2010

**Locations****Countries of recruitment**

England

United Kingdom

**Study participating centre**

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**Sponsor information****Organisation**

The Health Foundation (UK)

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**Sponsor type**

Charity

**Website**

<http://www.health.org.uk>

**ROR**

<https://ror.org/02bzj4420>

**Funder(s)****Funder type**

Government

**Funder Name**

The Health Foundation (UK) (ref: 6421/4601)

**Results and Publications****Publication and dissemination plan**

Not provided at time of registration

**Intention to publish date****Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan****IPD sharing plan summary**

Not provided at time of registration

**Study outputs**

| Output type                      | Details  | Date created | Date added | Peer reviewed? | Patient-facing? |
|----------------------------------|----------|--------------|------------|----------------|-----------------|
| <a href="#">Protocol article</a> | protocol | 02/02/2010   |            | Yes            | No              |
| <a href="#">Results article</a>  | results  | 19/11/2011   |            | Yes            | No              |